Still Way Out West

Summer of 69 $+\sqrt{69}+\sqrt{69}+\frac{69}{69}$

Dear Mr. Roger S. Cohen, Jr.:

I just can't wait to get my hands on "The Breast of Penni Wyse". One big one has got to be better than a couple little ones. I've never heard of such a thing. Just imagine! I am sure that you noticed that a grand total of 7 and 1/2 of my definitive articles are to be included, whereas I have already noticed that only 2 + 0/2 of your articles are to be included of which 1 + 0/2 was a quiz which you probably wrote to find out the correct answers, but I didn't send you the answers nor did any of my closet allies. Mr. Collinschnorrer has been in the closet taking pictures of Jack Daniels' large cents and writing long, long sentences about each and every pretty penny. Just imagine getting paid for doing things in the closet! I get paid for writing things in the dark, but I cheat: I close my eyes and try to unscramble all the things other people have said. They didn't know that I remember everything without writing it down. I just wish that they knew what they were talking about so that my brain would not be filled with all those errors. But part of knowing everything is knowing the truth as well as the falsies. Do you know, Mr. Collinschnorrer (If there were two s's in that name it would come out better at the end of a line!) told me that it didn't matter if you could not tell them apart as long as they pay me by the word? That reminds me of something else. Did you notice as I did that your friend with all the initials did not get any of his concise, witty, and tell-it-like-it-is articles included in "The Breast"? That's what you get for trying to save paper, ink, and money. He could never write an encyclopaedia like I can or a second edition like

you did. Why are first editions so valuable? All of my fine books are first editions! No need to ever print more than our market research staff tells us to. Why haven't you sent me any vicious letters about my new large cent encyclopaedia? You're not just lying in wait are you? I bet I know why not. You're not jealous about it as you were with the half cents. But aren't you in a snit that they didn't ask you instead of me? Maybe if you had spent your time listening to everyone as I did instead of concentrating on facts and logic and whatever else you tricky people do, then maybe, just maybe you might have been asked. I had to accept a co-author, whatever that is. He doesn't have a beard, not even a mustache, but I hear that he has had a whole lot of wives, not just one or two like you and me. He sounds like a real collector to me. I have always made out pretty well with collectors. Mr. Collinschnorrer says that I can have my way with him. I bet this guy doesn't know what that means back at the Institute. Did you ever figure out who wrote those letters attributed to me? Everyone said they sounded like me, but were sure that you wrote them. But I couldn't explain to them why you would have written a letter to yourself. I've heard of people playing with themselves but letters, never. So maybe I did write them. Please don't let Mr. Collinschnorrer or any of my entourage know about this. It takes a long time to ~~bilk~~ build a good entourage!

Piece,

WB

P.S.

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Roger

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Take care

Don V.

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Thanks for the info on the 08 C2 Some day I'll own a C2 piece.

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Earth
'3 Months from Now'

Dear Roger S. Cohen, Jr.,

I thank my lucky stars that you had the good sense, not my poor half sense, to publish your standard reference work. Why didn't you tell me about 'schnorrers' long ago? These schnorrers have a real bad scent to them after a year of fooling me with their promises. Do I have to wait for my royalty checks from the aMericAn institute of NUmismatic REsearrch, uninc. until the encyclopediae are sent out? I think that Schnorrer cashes the checks and keeps the money. He says he has expenses but I have to eat - those cookies aren't free you know. At least FCI was incorporated, and sold stock, and sold my books, and had stock options, and bonuses, and a Christmas party for some of us, and sent me to EAC meetings where I could memorize all the things everybody else knew. But everyone there had your book - do you think they will buy mine too? In the meantime a small bird made its nest in my beard and makes droppings on my plates - Ms. Liberty should have kept her cap on! Mr. Collins (that's not his real name, he just uses that - he says everybody in Hollywood does it - but how can I remember all these names if these poeple keep getting new ones?) says don't worry, he's an expert photographer and can make a picture of the bird droppings in flight. Why can't he just cut out all this shit? I am going to write to Mr. Collinschnorrer and seek permission, that's what Mr. Apfeltree always made me do - he would never pay my expenses unless I asked first, if I can ask you to list me in the back of your book - I think there might be room for one more name at the bottom. Do you think if we list everybody who bought your book in

the back of my Book that they would buy a copy or would Mr. Collinschnorrer have to send back their money and not give me any - not even the interest he's been collecting? He says I should think of him as my friend - a sort of new father, or an uncle(can he be both?) - he's getting older but barely old enough to be my 'little half brother.' Why does he say all these tricky things? Dr. Sheldon was always doing that and showing me those pictures of naked men in his other book whenever I brought him a new penny - he was such a skin-flynt. Maybe you've seen that book with those skinny fellows and the fat ones and the ones with all the muscles. He said you could tell what kind of persons they were just by looking at them in the all-together. If only he was still around to look at Mr. Collinschnorrer and tell me what to do!

Oh my - I'm probably boring you with all my troubles. You seem to know everything and understand it all too. And you didn't even talk to Mr. Hanson! How did you find out everything without talking to him or copying my notes, and now you're telling all our secrets and you didn't mention him in your book either? If there isn't room for both our names in your next edition, please use mine. And please mention my Book next time (Mr. Collinschnorrer says it will be out before then) if not as a reference, how about under ERRATA.

Astrologically yours,

WB

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WB/wb

P.S. Before I forget - How do you know what to put on the ERRATA page before you write the book? - Mr. Cohen you absolutely astound and ~~memorize~~ mesmerize me.

P.P.S. Before I forget again -

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David Jackson

Dallas, Texas

A charitable deduction?

Has the Internal Revenue Service made a decision on whether a portion of the price of the Olympic coins is considered a charitable contribution? If you had an article in the *News* I missed it.

Donald Loppnow

Racine, Wis.

Editor's note: The bill which Congress passed authorizing the Olympic coin program does not allow a tax deduction on the portion of the purchase price which is forwarded to the various Olympic committees. A direct contribution to the U.S. Olympic teams, however, is still an allowable deduction.

Odd Corner fan

For a number of years, I was a subscriber to your competitor's weekly newspaper. I made the switch two years ago primarily due to Alan Herbert's weekly Odd Corner column.

As an error collector, I came to appreciate the fact that Alan's column consistently went to the heart of matters vitally important to the error hobby. For example, Alan has been stressing the very real need for standardized terminology in con-

Bob Larkin

Phoenixville, Pa.

Editor's note: We recognize that Odd Corner has been a popular feature in the "News" for many years and that we are fortunate to have an expert like Alan Herbert as one of our resources for information relating to the entire minting process.

However, we also recognize that error and variety collecting — while popular — is a specialized field of the hobby and, as a general numismatic publication, the "News" must appeal to many specialized interests of this type.

Therefore, Odd Corner was switched recently from a weekly frequency to a biweekly frequency. We feel this will allow the "News" to

John J. Kaput

Carpentersville, Ill.

Attempt to discredit

Any person receiving copies of a letter purportedly from me, signed W.B., and dated, "Earth, three months from now," are warned that this is a crude and malicious forgery intended to discredit me and stir up discord among my friends, especially those concerned with the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of U.S. Half Cents*.

Copies have been mailed from Georgia, Illinois, Arizona and probably other states. Jack Collins' second heart attack occured while this forged letter was being read aloud in his hearing.

Walter Breen

Berkeley, Calif.

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Bill, it seems to me that W.B. is trying to use your letter to his benefit. Who would be so stupid to read the letter to Jack Collins after his first Heart attack? also if it had been predicted by his doctor he would have another attack - as usual this letter is the usual W B BULLSHIT

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Mr Walter Breen's recent letter to the editor in response to the "Earth, Trees Grows From Now" letter, excellent example of half truths and distortions for which I consider him to be well noted.

I received a copy of the letter from Cockburn and had a good laugh remembering many of the old letters which were the subject of the letter. The purpose of the letter did not [illegible] to discredit Mr [illegible] but it rather pointed out his [illegible] I memorize. Half Cent [illegible] into studying Mr Breen is the guru of the subject.

Mr Breen's letter mentioned the forthcoming "Encyclopedia of United States Half Cents". As with Cent Collector since 1971 there been works done 1962 when Mr Breen announced for the first time that a book on Half Cents was forthcoming. After 30 years of promises but no production Mr Breen statement should be taken "cum grano salis" by any person having any knowledge of the subject matter.

The Mr Breen concluding sentence in regard to Mr Jack Collins infrequent sense of health attacks that is the most despicable of all. First, Mr Breen is not a medical doctor despite a title at his name. Secondly, it is his understanding that Mr Collins' medical doctor has provided that Jack would have not have attacks. Finally, how any person could be so unconscionable as to read the letter alone in Jack's heavy is beyond my comprehension.

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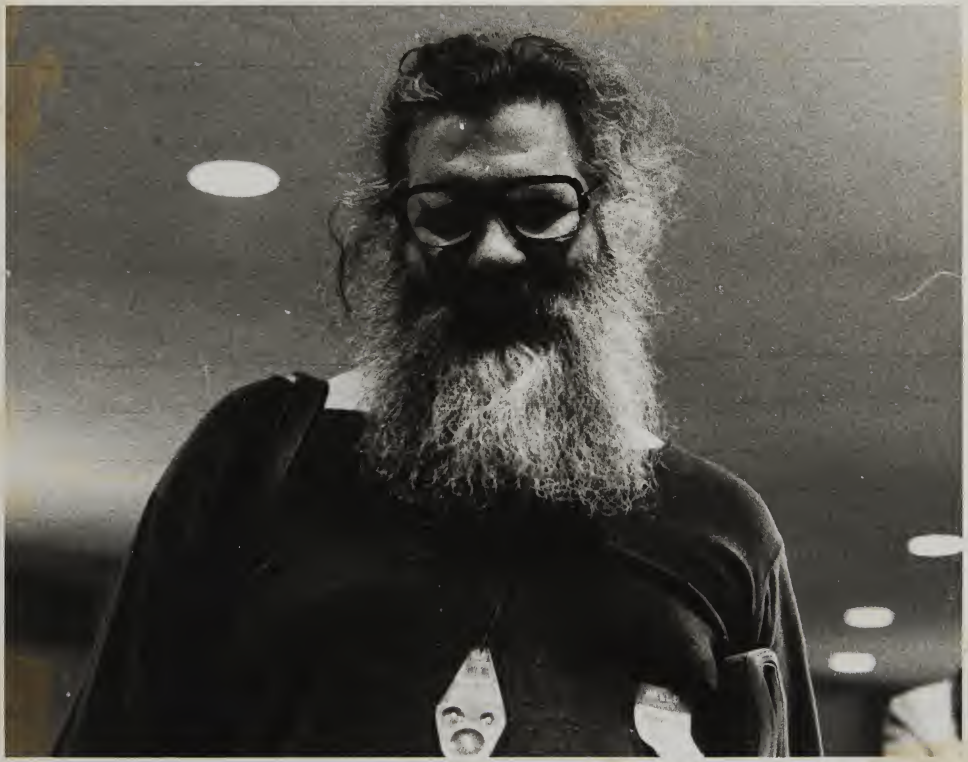
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